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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

SUBJECT: Department of Commerce Assistance to CIA

1. The information and cooperation furnished during the past year to the Central Intelligence Agency by the staff of the Chemical Branch, Office of International Trade, have been of great assistance in appraisals of situations affecting the national security.

2. Particularly noteworthy have been those data compiled and furnished on the European supply of three categories of strategically important chemicals, *viz.*: coal tar creosote, ethyl alcohol, and glycerin. The complete cooperation received by members of the CIA staff has materially assisted in alleviating a situation wherein our information on these commodities was considered entirely inadequate. Continuing emphasis on this subject, however, is of extreme importance.

3. I am indeed appreciative of the continued cooperation and consideration of your organization, and sincerely hope that CIA may continue to count upon such assistance in the future.

/s/

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